

East Locust Street Commercial District
(Garton Bakery and Confectionery)
(Woolworth Building)
523 East Locust Street
Des Moines
Polk County
Iowa

HABS No. IA-143B

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Iowa	COUNTY Polk	TOWN OR VICINITY Des Moines
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) East Locust St. Commercial District		HABS NO. IA-143-B
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Garton Bakery & Confectionery		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 523 E. Locust St		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1883	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Built as a retail store; contributes to the last remaining cluster of Victorian commercial buildings in Des Moines.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Victorian Italianate Commercial		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Masonry bearing walls, brick inside and out, some tile, wooden floors		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Ornate front facade; second story organized into three wide window bays suggesting two over two windows; ornate cast iron decoration divides the windows; third story has six window openings; pediment above third story cornice is ornate with brackets		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Ornate woodwork still remains on second and third floors; upper two floors used as apts; members of the Garton family lived above the confectionery		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1928 -- F.W. Woolworth CO. requested a building permit to do \$15,000 worth of alterations. It is assumed that it was at this time the first story wall separating 521 from 523 was removed and a curved glass & marble tile storefront was installed.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Vacant		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The bakery and confectionery operated from 1883 until 1913 when a real estate office moved its offices into the street level. F. W. Woolworth Co. operated out of 521 & 523 from the late 1920s until the 1950s.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Porter Will. <u>Annals of Polk County and City of Des Moines</u> (1898); Des Moines City Assessor; Des Moines City Directories		
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